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## TROUBLE FOR IDAHO MINER

**Locked up in Jail at New York Pending Investigation of His Financiering.**

### OPERATED FICTITIOUS MINE

**Secured Large Sum for Development Purposes, but Expert Discover Alleged Fraud.**

New York, Dec. 17.—Frank S. Hobbs of Idaho is now in Ludlow street jail on an order of arrest obtained by Edward B. Tustin, treasurer of the Green Copper Company, who says he advanced \$7500 to Hobbs with which to develop gold mining property.

Tustin brought suit when an agent represented to him that the supposed mine was not as represented, and alleged Hobbs did not own it. Tustin at once applied to Judge Martin, of the Kierce county supreme court, for an order of arrest, on the ground that Hobbs was about to leave the city for his native Idaho. The prisoner was held in default of \$7500 bail.

Hobbs, it is alleged, represented that with little difficulty he took out \$100,000 worth of ore from the property controlled by the so-called Comstock Mining Company. He is said to have represented that there were tunnels and cross-cuts in the mines and that everything could soon be put in working order for there was a stream there which could easily supply power for a 10-stamp mill. The \$1,000,000 in stock was tied up in such a way that little could be done until a working capital was raised, and Tustin finally consented to furnish \$20,000 and actually advanced \$7,500.

According to the report of an expert who later went to Idaho, he found the land to be in possession of A. Whyland, who, according to the records, had staked it out six months before Hobbs had done so. Whyland had sunk a shaft and built a cabin on which was posted a notice that the public at large, and especially a concern known as the Comstock Mines Company, would approach the mine at their peril.

## The First Suit Under New Law

**Pennsylvania Banker Wants Damages From Newspapers That Said He Dyed His Beard.**

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 17.—The first suits brought in this state under the press law passed by the legislature a year ago have been instituted against three newspapers here by a wealthy banker of Northampton county.

The action is based on the publication of a statement that the banker had last month escaped from a hotel under quarantine in his home town for smallpox.

The man was believed to be in Allentown and it was at the request of the local board of health that the publication was made. The papers, in describing the banker, said he had dyed his beard. The subject of the article is 55 years old, had recently married a young woman, and alleges that the statement about his beard caused him to be ridiculed by his friends.

## Preparing for The Convention

**Chicago Getting Ready to Look After the Interests of the Republican Delegates**

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Preparations are taking care of the republican national convention will begin soon after the holidays. In fact, some of the preliminaries are being disposed of now.

Acting on the authority delegated to him by the sub-committee of the national committee on arrangements, Graham Stewart has completed arrangements for the committee's headquarters

at the Auditorium Annex. He also has appointed Samuel B. Raymond chairman of the Chicago committee that will attend to the local end of the work. The sub-committee will hold its first meeting about the middle of January. It includes Senator Hanna, Henry C. Payne Senator W. B. Scott, of West Virginia; Harry C. New, of Indiana, and R. B. Schneider of Nebraska.

## ROCKEFELLER LOSES SUIT

**Others Have Right to Catch Fish Provided by State.**

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 17.—William Rockefeller has been defeated in an action for trespass which he brought against Oliver Lamora Poor, a resident of the Adirondack mountains.

Lamora was charged with fishing in streams on Mr. Rockefeller's estate, but asserted that he had a right to do so because the streams were state. The case was sent back to the county court from the appellate division of the supreme court and again will be carried up on an appeal.

## On Lookout For Daring Robbers

**Adams Express Train Between New York and Boston Guarded by Armed Men.**

New York, Dec. 17.—Armed detectives formed a part of the crew of an express train from New York for Boston which left here about midnight. The train had a cargo valued at a round million including a large sum in gold.

The armed escort, traveling in a special car attached to the train, was sent out because of threats said to have been received by officials of the Adams Express Company that unless a certain sum of money was forthcoming, the train would be robbed.

### FORCE INCREASED.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—When the night express from New York to Boston arrived here over the New Haven road at 5 minutes after 1 o'clock this morning, four detectives, carrying rifles and pistols, went aboard to reinforce the guard already on the train. One man rode on the engine and three in an express car. Every trip of the express is being made under similar escort because of threats of hold-up received by the express company officials. An engine, with steam up, is being kept in the yard here ready for a call to any point on the line.

## Corea to Build Fleet of Ships

**With Russian Assistance Will Prepare for the Foundation of Naval Interests**

Victoria Dec. 17.—Correspondence of Japanese newspapers arrived by the steamer Ak Maru yesterday, after telling of the reported utterances of Admiral Alexeff as cabled, to the effect that Russia was handicapped by lack of dockage accommodation and would probably come off second best in a naval engagement with Japan says that, although he affects a strong attitude toward the situation, Admiral Alexeff's real attitude is for peace.

The Asahi correspondent states that many of the principal warships are in need badly of repairs, one of the battleships requiring six months' work, which can not be done owing to the unsettled situation.

The Kokumin Shimbun has received advice from Seoul that Corea is about to lay the foundation for a navy, with Russian assistance. A compact is said to have been made between Russia and Korean representatives for the purchase of a Russian cruiser, and that five Russian naval officers be secured and a naval college started in Corea.

Yokohama yachtsmen have sent a challenge to Honolulu, challenging Mr. Walker to bring a yacht to Japan and race for \$2500.

Mrs. O. Sovey has been quite ill for several days past with the gripe.

## NEW CURE IS WONDERFUL

**Remarkable Results Obtained in Use of Imported Serum for Typhoid Fever.**

### BROUGHT HERE FROM ITALY

**In Some of the Cases Improvement Set in Before the Fever Had Half Run Its Course.**

New York, Dec. 17.—Remarkable cures of typhoid fever patients are reported by Beth-Israel hospital, where a serum imported from Italy and Switzerland is being used. Although the remedy has been in use more than three months, it has just been made public.

In that time 30 cases have been treated at the hospital, which is in the most crowded quarter of the east side. Not one of the patients died, and in some instances improvement set in before the fever had run more than half its regular course. A small quantity of this lymph is injected into the body three times a day sometimes in the thigh, sometimes in the breast. The operation is of the simplest and practically painless.

Physicians in charge of the institution refuse to discuss the matter fully, pending the preparation of a detailed report on each case for the use of the medical profession. They admit the successful use of the new serum but maintain that the treatment is still in its experimental stage.

### NORFOLK IS TO BE MARRIED

**Duke Engaged to First Cousin Gwendolen Mary Maxwell.**

New York, Dec. 17.—It is authoritatively announced, says a Herald dispatch from London, that the Duke of Norfolk is engaged to be married to the Hon. Gwendolen Mary Maxwell, elder daughter of Lord Herries. As the duke and Miss Maxwell are first cousins, once removed, a dispensation from the pope was necessary.

The duke is premier peer of England and is 55 years of age. His first wife died in 1887 and his only son, the earl

of Arundal, died last year, after a life of great affliction.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Stokes arrived home today from the east via Southern California. They are both in the best of health and report having had an excellent time during their absence.

Mr. Chris Bell, a Portland attorney, is in the city on legal business. He will return tonight to the metropolis.

J. G. Blake, superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company, and J. Annand, manager of the Portland office, came down from Portland on the noon train.

## New Fee Law Badly Needed

**Clatsop County Liable to Loss of \$25,000 or More Because of Defective Statute.**

Judge Thomas A. McBride arrived in Astoria on the noon train today. He came down for the purpose of consulting with District Attorney Allen regarding the new recording-fee law which is to be framed for presentation at the special legislative session in the event that some other general bill is not offered. Judge McBride said this afternoon that he was of the opinion fees could not be legally collected under the existing statute, the law of 1895 providing for fees for recording deeds having been inadvertently repealed. A suit for \$200 has been brought in Columbia county, in Judge McBride's court, but no decision has yet been reached, and it is unlikely that the court will make a ruling until after the special session.

There has been a belief that, while the county of Clatsop is really liable for the money paid in for recording deeds since 1895—a sum, by the way, that would probably exceed \$25,000—the county clerk might protect the interests of the county hereafter by declining to record deeds unless the fees were tendered by the persons offering the deeds for record. Judge McBride was asked about this matter today and replied that the clerk would have to accept and record the deeds without receiving the fees.

The matter is one of pressing importance and there is no question that it will be disposed of at the forthcoming special session.

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